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Inquiry: I work for a medical group that is ran by physicians and they have a respiratory department with respiratory therapists. They wanted to know if we could hire a technician that would be trained by the RT to drop off nocturnals to some of the patients the RT couldn't get to right away. They wanted to know if that would be legal or illegal.

Response: Please be advised that there is nothing in the Respiratory Care Practice Act (RCPA) that precludes a trained technician supplying services to patients as long as it is done under the direction of a licensed physician. In addition, protocols should be in place directing how this function should be performed, as well as documentation of the training and competence of the technicians performing the service.

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